

REMARKS

The claims of the substitute specification have been amended to cancel the original claims and add claims 37 – 48 which are based on the original claims 25 – 27 (bone staple) and 28 – 36 (bone staple applicator) respectively . The original method claims 21 – 24 have been allowed and are included in a patent to be issued in due course to the Applicant. No new matter has been added.

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